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A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., January 28, 2014.

Members present: Mayor Robert T Wandrei; Councilman Robert D. Carson; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Councilman Steve C. Rush; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; and Vice Mayor James A. Vest

Members absent: Councilman W. D. Tharp

Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Wandrei declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on January 14, 2014, were approved as distributed.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- The Board of the Bedford Memorial Hospital accepted the proposal for Centra Health to buy out Carilion for its portion of the hospital. He said that Centra Health and Carilion believe this is in the best interest of the hospital, the employees, and the community. Centra Health is committed to making significant investments in both the buildings and the programs offered at the hospital and will be expanding its involvement in the community.

Town Attorney Berry reported on the rules that pertain to the election of Council next November. Mr. Berry said that the three judge court set in place a requirement, according to the statutes in Virginia, that if the additional people annexed into the Town in the Phase 1 Section on July 1 exceeded by five percent the 2010 Census, there would have to be an election of Council members in 2014. Mr. Berry said the statute that was passed reads that there will be a special election for those individuals whose terms expire after December 2014. He said that would cut short some of the terms which would otherwise expire December 31, 2016. Mr. Berry said there will be a special election on November 4, 2014, for four slots which will be for two year terms (the unexpired terms ending December 31, 2016) and there will be three slots for four year terms. The Town Attorney said the terms will be listed on the ballot that way and the candidates will have to file for specific terms, either for the two year term or for the four year term. Mr. Berry said he had spoken with Carter Glass about this matter. Mr. Berry said the deadline for filing special legislation has passed and having the Governor do something is very unlikely.

The Town Attorney said the Mayor asked him to see if there was any way to change that to the same procedure that was done last May where the top vote getters got the longer terms. Carter Glass did not think that was possible.

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Mayor Wandrei said he questioned this matter because if all candidates decided to run for the four year terms, only three slots would be filled and there would be four empty slots, which could be filled by write-in votes.

The Mayor said something needs to be done about this ridiculous situation. Mayor Wandrei asked Mr. Berry to contact Delegate Newman about this.

Vice Mayor Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the six month report and the budget is mostly on track. The Vice Mayor reminded Council of the retreat to be held at Liberty Lake Park on February 18 at 5:00 p.m.

The Mayor moved agenda item "Resolution – Acceptance of Streets into the Town Street System" from the last item under New Business to the first item under New Business.

The Town Manager reported that the Bedford Pregnancy Center is requesting permission to hold The Glow 5K charity race on Saturday, April 19, 2014, and to block the following streets from 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.:

Start at Bedford Elementary School, follow Tiger Trail, turn left at Overlord Circle and follow it all the way up to the National D-Day Memorial parking lot, and then return to the school along the same route

Town Manager Kolakowski said that Council was requested to approve the closing of the above streets for The Glow 5K charity race sponsored by The Bedford Pregnancy Center from 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on April 19, 2014.

On motion by Councilman Rush, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried, Council approved the closing of the above streets for The Glow 5K charity race sponsored by The Bedford Pregnancy Center from 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on April 19, 2014.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported that the following individuals have expressed a willingness to serve on the Redevelopment and Housing Authority, if appointed by Council with the terms as follows:

Ann Duncan	October 13, 2017
E. Thomas Messier	October 13, 2016
Tim Black	October 13, 2016
John Owen	October 13, 2015

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Vice Mayor Vest, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council appointed Ms. Duncan, Mr. Messier, Mr. Black, and Mr. Owen to serve on the Redevelopment and Housing Authority, said terms to expire as noted above. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye

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Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Tharp	absent
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Town Manager Kolakowski said the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, under the Code of Virginia, Section 33.1-41.1, makes street payments annually per lane mile for use in maintenance, construction, and reconstruction of the streets located in the Town of Bedford. In order for the streets to be eligible for Virginia Department of Transportation maintenance payments, they first need to be accepted into the Town's Street System by Town Council, then approved and accepted by the Virginia Department of Transportation for maintenance payments. The Town Engineering Department has prepared a resolution to be passed by the Town Council authorizing the formal approval and acceptance of the streets into the Town of Bedford's Street System. Mr. Kolakowski recommended that Council pass the resolution approving and accepting the list of streets to be added to the Town's Street System.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Vice Mayor Vest, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution regarding streets. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Tharp	absent
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Bedford has accepted into the Town street system the following streets or portions thereof:

TURNPIKE ROAD (RTE 1140), from the Current End of State Maintenance north to W LYNCHBURG SALEM TURNPIKE (U S RTE 460), 0.11 centerline miles and 0.22 lane miles; COMMERCIAL ROAD (RTE 1142), from the Current End of State Maintenance north to W LYNCHBURG SALEM TURNPIKE (U S RTE 460), 0.09 centerline miles and 0.18 lane miles; DICKERSON MILL ROAD (RTE 746), from 0.16 mile west of MONETA ROAD (RTE. 122) to the Current MONETA ROAD (RTE 122), 0.16 centerline miles and 0.32 lane miles; MONETA ROAD (RTE 122), from the New TOWN LIMITS northeast to the Old TOWN LIMITS, 0.25 centerline miles and 0.50 lane miles; HULL STREET (RTE 909), from the Cul-de-sac to E LYNCHBURG SALEM

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TURNPIKE (U S RTE 460), 0.17 centerline miles and 0.34 lane miles; BUSINESS JUNCTION DRIVE (RTE 911), from the Current End of State Maintenance northeast to E LYNCHBURG SALEM TURNPIKE (U S RTE 460), 0.15 centerline miles and 0.30 lane miles; SHILOH CHURCH ROAD (RTE 777), from E LYNCHBURG SALEM TURNPIKE (U S RTE 460) to 0.14 mile northeast of E LYNCHBURG SALEM TURNPIKE (U S RTE 460), 0.14 centerline miles and 0.28 lane miles.

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to receive payment from the Virginia Department of Transportation for assistance in maintaining these streets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, that the Town requests that the Virginia Department of Transportation add for payment those portions of the aforementioned streets.

The following individuals gave presentations regarding FY 2014-15 budget requests for their organizations:

- Susan Martin, President/CEO, Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce
- Karen Hughes, Board President, Bedford Community Christmas Station
- Shannon Zimmerman - Bedford Life Saving and First Aid Crew, Inc
- Doug Cooper, Director, Bedford Museum and Genealogical Library
- Linda Brake, Program Coordinator, Bedford Ride
- April Cheek-Messier, President, National D-Day Memorial Foundation
- Sarah Bratton, Director, Bower Center of the Arts;
- Fred Duis, President, The Wharton Memorial Foundation

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.